**REMARKS** 

With this Response Applicants respectfully request that claims 4-5, 7, 13-15, 17, 24-26,

and 28 be canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 6, 8, 11, 16, 18, 21, 27, and 29 are amended.

Therefore, claims 1-3, 6, 8-12, 16, 18-23, 27, and 29-30 are pending.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicants determined that there were several typographical errors in the Specification,

and have pointed these out in the Amendments to the Specification section of this Response.

Applicants respectfully request entering of these amendments to correct these errors.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 7-9, 17-19, and 28-29 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base

claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In an effort to expedite

prosecution, Applicants have elected to incorporate the limitations of claims 7, 17, and 28 into

claims 1, 11, and 21, respectively, including the limitations of intermediate dependent claims.

Thus, Applicants submit that claims 1, 11, and 21 as amended herein include the subject matter

found allowable in claims 7, 17, and 28. Applicants therefore submit that claims 1, 11, and 21

are novel and nonobvious over the cited references. Therefore, claims 7, 17, and 28 are canceled

herein, rendering objection to these claims moot, and claims 8-9, 18-19, and 29 now depend

from claims that should be found allowable for at least the same reasons claims 7, 17, and 28

were found to be allowable.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S.

Patent No. 6,490,452 Boscovic et al. (Boscovic). Claim 1 as amended herein is novel over the

cited reference, as discussed above, rendering rejection of this claim moot. Because claim 1 is novel over the cited reference, Applicants submit that the remaining claims, which depend from claim 1, are patentable over the reference for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

## CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 103

## Claim 4-6

Claims 4-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boscovic in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,047,186 of Yu et al. (Yu). Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Boscovic* and Yu in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,684,086 of Miya (Miya). Because claim 1 is nonobvious over the cited references, Applicants submit that these claims are patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

## Claim 11-16, 20-27, and 30

These claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Boscovic* and *Yu* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,684,086 of Miya (*Miya*). As set forth above, claims 11 and 21 are rewritten herein to include material found to be allowable over the cited references. Thus, these claims are nonobvious over the cited references. The remaining claims depend from claims 11 and 21, and thus depend from nonobvious base claims. Therefore, Applicants submit that the remaining claims are nonobvious over the cited references for at least the same reasons as claims 11 and 21.

## Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that all rejections have been overcome placing all pending claims in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the above-referenced application.

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